

THE HAPPENINGS

PUBLIC of General Interest in Parts of the State.

ODIST CONFERENCE.

Annual Session Opens at Abbeville.

Abbeville, Special.—The 124th annual session of the South Carolina Synod of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met with the First church of Abbeville Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, and opened with the administration of the sacrament conducted by the Rev. B. Traywick, who was assisted by the Revs. J. W. Walling, J. L. Stokes, S. J. Bethune, and A. J. Stafford. The Rev. J. H. Noland, pastor of the church, presided over the conference. The Rev. E. O. Watson, secretary of the last conference, read the roll of ministers and lay members, the usual large number reporting to the roll call. The Rev. Watson was re-elected secretary and the Rev. W. L. Wait, A. E. Harper, S. B. Harper and W. C. Kirkham, assistants, and R. E. Turnipseed, statistical secretary, who nominated J. H. Noland, Marvin Auld, R. Sharp, E. A. Wayne and W. A. Skham, all of whom were unanimously elected.

Audubon Society Elect Officers.

Columbia, Special.—At their annual meeting last week the Audubon society of the State elected the following officers:

President—M. O. Dantzer, Orangeburg.

Vice President—W. H. Gibbes, Columbia.

Secretary—James Henry Rice, Jr., Summerville.

Treasurer—A. R. Heyward, Jr., Columbia.

The directors are: B. F. Taylor, Columbia; Edward L. Wells, Charleston; Christensen, Beaufort; Ritter, Charleston; Paul Ritter, W. H. Andrews, Wm.; W. G. Sirrine, Greenwood; Jennings, Sumter; R. C. Casley, A. L. White, Spartanburg; D. Sam Cox, Columbia; Geo. Aiken; W. H. Wallace, Wm.; J. F. Perrin, Abbeville; J. H. Hamer.

Next meeting will be held in Abbeville during Fair week.

More Conscience Money Paid.

Columbia, Special.—Troeger, who has business with the old State disbursements, has forwarded through Col. of Atlanta, \$9,000, to be added to the "conscience fund." This places the amount received from various firms past the \$50,000 mark, being \$54,000 in all. The largest contributor was the Bernheim firm, which handed across \$30,000. Then came Weiskopf with \$7,500 and other firms with smaller amounts. The present contributor is from Cincinnati. Of this amount the State received \$4,500 as half of the "conscience money" goes to the Atlanta firm.

New Depot Assured Greenville.

Greenville, Special.—Superintendent A. W. Anderson, of the Charleston and Western Carolina Railroad, was in the city last week and made statements to the effect that a new depot building will be constructed at this place at once and other extensive improvements made at this terminal station. These improvements will cost in the neighborhood of \$150,000. The work is to begin within the next thirty or sixty days and buildings will be completed by the first of July. The lot is in the neighborhood of the present station and was purchased two years ago for this purpose.

Law and Order League Formed at Greenville.

Greenville, Special.—A law and order league for the prosecution of crime in Greenville was organized in Greenville Tuesday night, J. J. McSwain of the local bar was made president. The organization of the league is the outcome of a series of sermons preached recently by the Rev. T. W. Sloan on local conditions. The citizens of O'Neill township Tuesday organized a similar league.

\$9,500 For Gaffney Lot.

Gaffney, Special.—Clerk of the United States Circuit Court C. J. Murphy has forwarded a check for \$9,500 to A. N. Wood and J. Q. Little in payment of a lot of land taken by the Government under condemnation proceedings, on and upon which the Government proposes to erect a postoffice building here. Judge Brawley ordered the money to be paid over. The Government now owns a site for a postoffice at Gaffney, and the work preliminary to the erection of the building will be begun as soon as possible.

Annual Meeting of Baptists.

Anderson, Special.—The South Carolina Baptist State convention, 300 strong, according to report of the minutes on hospitality, met at 9:15 Wednesday morning and was opened with devotional exercises by Rev. J. W. Guy. President A. J. S. Thomas recognized and welcomed many distinguished visitors. A number of addresses on special subjects were made. Convention went on record for a wide prohibition.

NICARAGUAN CRISIS

News Storm Center of the Day.

VARYING ESTIMATES SITUATION

News That Zelaya Would Avoid an Engagement at Rama and, Making a Detour, Would Strike Bluefields.

Washington, Special.—Fugitive news received from Nicaragua at the State Department from official and unofficial sources to the effect that there is danger of an attack by President Zelaya's forces being made on Bluefields, where there are 150 Americans, resulted in orders being sent by wireless to the protected cruiser Tacoma with ten guns on board and a full complement of blue jackets, to proceed under full steam to Bluefields, there to join the Des Moines and await further orders.

The Prairie, now at Philadelphia, has been ordered to take on board seven hundred marines under the command of Colonel Biddle and steam as soon as possible to Colon. The importance and significance of these orders are minimized at the State Department, where it is said the Tacoma has been instructed to look out for American interests at Bluefields.

A dispatch of Saturday says: This city of Bluefields, the headquarters of the provisional government, has been thrown into alarm by a sudden realization of the strength of the government army against which General Estrada, the leader of the insurgents, had been supposed to have been making irresistible headway. Estrada apparently has been hoodwinked by Zelaya and no one would be surprised if the latter's troops should appear before the city at any hour. Estrada is hoping for timely aid from the United States.

A staff correspondent of The Associated Press who recently arrived here has canvassed the situation and finds it less hopeful for the insurgents than has been believed.

A very recent dispatch however says, it is the opinion of Panamas that President Zelaya of Nicaragua is riding for a fall, that he is deliberately working to bring about intervention by the United States, having chosen this form of humiliation in preference to the great one of suffering defeat at the hands of revolutionists.

For the past sixteen years, during which time Zelaya has been in power, according to the statements of men now on the isthmus who are conversant with affairs in that republic, Nicaragua has been ruled by a group of eight daring, clever and conscienceless men, who have looked upon the country as their own personal property.

This group has grown enormously rich by a systematized pillage of the revenues of the States and of individuals. It is estimated that Zelaya is worth about \$20,000,000 gold, most of which he has invested in Brussels and London.

It is said that when these men wanted a piece of property they offered about one tenth of its value and forced them to take their offer by threats of charge of treason before packed courts and juries and had them shot as traitors. A break was made when Zelaya refused to be fair in the distribution of the spoils.

Citizenship For Porto Ricans.

Washington, Special.—Citizenship, without serious inconvenience to the individual, should be extended to those who desire it in Porto Rico, according to General Clarence R. Edwards, chief of the bureau of insular affairs, in his annual report Sunday to the Secretary of War. As to whether this is to be done as a whole or by individual merit is a matter of detail.

Trees For the Yuletide.

Washington, Special.—Does the Yuletide with its demand for Christmas trees prove a menace to the American forests? This question is asked of the United States forestry service. The subject has received the serious consideration of the forestry bureau and the reply has been sent out that there need be no danger of destruction if the cutting of young evergreens for Christmas trees is done with discrimination.

Mrs. Reids Cause Advocated.

Washington, Special.—The Biltmore postoffice affair has evidently reached the White House and made some sort of an impression on the President. The appointment of Luther, Representative Grant's man, should have been sent to the Senate Monday, but it did not appear. Evidently somebody at Asheville is putting up a bitter fight for Mrs. Reid, the woman who held the job. Senator Overman will hold up the confirmation should the name go in, until the real state of affairs can be ascertained.

Should Not Hurry Home.

Washington, Special.—Appropriation legislation will be undertaken by Congress before the adjournment for the holidays. There has been a general supposition that all measures of any character would be postponed until after the first of January. Chairman Tawney of the committee on appropriations has upset this scheme by declaring that an appropriation bill could be prepared and passed before the Christmas adjournment as easily as not.

FEDERAL CONTROL

Corporations Should be Forced to Report.

SECRETARY NAGAL'S REPORT.

A Federal System of Statutory Publicity, the Secretary Believes, is the Prime Need.

Washington, Special.—Legislation to create a department of the government which would do for the whole country what the bureau of corporations has been doing in specific instances, and compel complete publicity in the management of interstate corporations, is one of the leading recommendations contained in the annual report of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor made public Sunday. Newer and tighter laws to stamp out the white slave trade, which the secretary says is an organized and extensive business, is the other.

The secretary recommends the further development of the bureau of corporations. At the end of this fiscal year, the department still has on hand investigations of the lumber and steel industries, the International Harvester Company, concentration of waterpower ownership, transportation by water in the United States. It was still continuing its investigations of the tobacco industry, the operation of cotton exchanges and State systems of corporate taxation.

On the subject of government control of the fiscal and industrial forces, Secretary Nagel says some terse things and makes some important recommendations. The prime need of two things is emphasized. First, reliable information upon which the government may take legislative and administrative action and second, reliable information in a concise and available form to serve for the basis of public opinion. The first step to be taken he says is an advance toward a complete system for obtaining and making public this information. The bureau of corporations has demonstrated the value of this beyond doubt, in the limited way which its force and money available would allow.

NINE FROZEN TO DEATH.

Fish Boat Commodore Perry Picks Up Yawl Containing Nine Dead and Frozen Bodies of the Crew of the Bessemer and Marquette Ferry No. 2, Which Left Port Tuesday Morning.

Erie, Pa., Special.—With her flag at half-mast the State fisheries boat Commodore commanding, brought to this port late Sunday the dead and frozen bodies of nine of the crew of the Bessemer and Marquette ferry No. 2, which left Conant, O., Tuesday morning, carrying 32 men and which probably foundered in the middle of Lake Erie.

For the past 48 hours the Commodore Perry has been scouring the waters of eastern Lake Erie for the traces of the car ferry but until a tiny ten-man yawl was sighted 15 miles off this port at 11 o'clock Sunday had almost given up hope of being able to ever tell a portion of the story of the fate of the big car ferry.

As the Perry came abreast of the drifting and half water-logged yawl the men gathered at the side of the fish boat saw that they had arrived too late. The nine occupants of the boat, which was marked "Bessemer and Marquette No. 4," were frozen stiff in death. Taking the yawl in tow the Perry made all steam for this port.

Ellis Pleads Guilty.

Little Rock, Ark., Special.—W. Y. Ellis of Pine Bluff, Ark., whose trial on a charge of murder in connection with the killing of N. P. Willis of Indianapolis, Ind., resulted in a mistrial, late Saturday afternoon entered a plea of guilty of voluntary manslaughter, appealing to the mercy of the court for a minimum prison term. The case was reopened before Judge Lea in circuit court at the instance of the attorneys for Ellis.

Sues Father-in-Law for \$50,000.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—Summons have been issued by Mr. E. T. Stenerson against his father-in-law, a wealthy citizen of Baltimore, Md., and it is understood that in the civil suit which will follow in the courts of Mecklenburg the plaintiff will seek damages in the sum of \$50,000, alleging the alienation of his wife's affections, she being a daughter of the defendant, Mr. Stenerson, has employed Mr. T. C. Cuthrie, and is determined to have his case properly presented to the courts.

Sets His Sister on Fire.

Luray, Special.—Miss Lillie Goehenor, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. Daniel Goehenor, of this county, was horribly burned all over her body Tuesday morning. The Goehenor family arose early and the young girl was assisting her mother in the preparation of the morning meal. A little brother playfully remarked: "I'll burn you up," and, snatching the action to the word, applied a lighted match to the lower part of her clothes.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

The marking of the graves of the Confederate dead who died in Northern prisons probably will occupy all of next year, and Secretary of War Dickinson Monday asked for an extension of time for performing this work after February 26, when the legislative authority will expire. Gen. William C. Oates is the commissioner charged with the duty of marking these graves and Secretary Dickinson says that while Gen. Oates has been diligently at work the task is still incomplete. He thinks, however, that it can be finished within the next calendar year.

The crop reporting board Tuesday estimated that the newly seeded area of winter wheat is 7.9 per cent greater than revised estimated area shown in the fall of 1908, equivalent to an increase of 2,449,000 acres, the indicated total area being 33,483,000 acres. The condition of winter wheat on December 1 was 95.8 against 85.3 on that day last year.

With total resources of \$50.19 per capita of population, the banking institutions of the Eastern or Middle Atlantic States lead the country. The New England States come next with \$43.60 per capita; the Pacific States are third with \$34.78; the Middle Western fourth with \$19.05; the Far Western fifth with \$16.35; the Southern sixth with \$7.19, and island possessions tail off with \$5.22 per capita. The United States as a whole shows banking resources per capita of \$27.24, with the island possessions included the rate is lowered to \$21.57.

There will be introduced in the Senate early in the present session a bill to place Chinese immigrants upon the same basis as other immigrants to the United States. It is now being prepared by Senator Dillingham, of Vermont, chairman of the Immigration Commission. The measure will not give to Chinese the right of naturalization. Under the Chinese Exclusion act coolie labor is not admitted to the United States from China. Merchants, students, teachers, travelers for information or pleasure are exempt from this law. It is the plan of the new measure to practically repeal the provisions of the exclusion act.

Puzzling as ever is the problem confronting the local authorities relative to the case of John R. Early, the alleged leper, now detained here on the charge of going about in public while afflicted with a contagious disease and the complications in this now famous case continue to multiply. Early wants to go on the stand at the trial. This the court will not allow unless it is shown that Early has not a contagious disease. He may be kept indefinitely.

In caucus Thursday afternoon the Democratic Senators elected Senator H. D. Money of Mississippi as minority leader of the Senate to succeed Senator Culberson of Texas whose resignation was presented last week.

The Supreme Court of the United States Monday granted the petition for the writ of certiorari in the contempt cases of Samuel Gompers, Frank Morrison and John Mitchell, officers of the American Federation of Labor. The effect of the decision will be to bring the entire record in the Buck's stove and range case against these men to the Supreme Court for review.

Senator Rayner, of Maryland, will in all probability introduce a resolution in the Senate during the coming week with reference to the Nicaraguan controversy and will address the Senate upon it. His point will be the apprehension and trial of Zelaya, the dictator; President of Nicaragua, whose rule is drawing to an end rapidly, for what Senator Rayner considers the murder of two American citizens, soldiers in the revolutionary army of Estrada.

At the first conference of the Democratic members of the Senate in the coming session of Congress, Senator Culberson submitted his resignation as chairman of the Democratic caucus. This determination on the part of the Texan has been reached because of his serious illness, which probably will prevent him from attending the sessions of the Senate for at least two or three weeks.

The Central American junta, composed of diplomats and patriots from the five turbulent little republics on the neck of land between Yucatan and South America, is one of the latest acquisitions of the Capital of the United States. It is unofficial, but vociferous, and its sessions are held in the cafe of a leading hotel. The junta is the clearing house for all the information that leaks unofficially from revolution-torn Nicaragua, while the diplomats have framed up a half-dozen new alignments of the five republics, each with a view to the equitable distribution of the "balance of power."

A blizzard prevailed about Chicago Thursday that interfered with traffic and communication and numbered human fatalities and great suffering in its results.

President Taft, the members of the Cabinet, the Governors of five States, members of Congress and other men prominent in national life attended the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, which began a three-day session in this city Wednesday.

TAFT ON WATERWAY

Speaks to Rivers and Harbors Congress.

CREATES MUCH ENTHUSIASM.

A Policy Rather Than Project a Wise Platform, But Projects Must Be Attempted.

Washington, Special.—Speaking in strong endorsement of the policy of waterway improvement, President Taft stirred up much enthusiasm during the opening hours of the sixth convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress here Wednesday. Hundreds of delegates, representing every section of the United States, were in attendance. Men and women delegates gave the President a noisy reception.

Upon being presented to the assemblage by Joseph E. Ransdell, president of the congress, President Taft dwelt upon his interest in the policy of waterway improvement, and offered advice to the delegates upon methods for attaining the ends they seek.

"I congratulate this congress," said Mr. Taft, "on having brought the subject of waterways to such a point that the representatives of Congress, from one end of the country to the other, recognize it as a subject that calls for action. They have not come to a definite conclusion as to the policy that ought to be adopted, but they have come to the conclusion that some policy must be adopted with reference to the development of those instrumentalities which nature has furnished for the transportation of goods and for the controlling of railroad rates.

"You in your declaration say that you are in favor of a policy and not in favor of any particular project. I think that a wise platform to take; and yet when it comes to the practical enforcement and accomplishment of something, you have got to get into projects.

"Now I don't think I betray a secret when I say that the gentleman who has most to do with the initiation of projects in Congress is fully charged with the necessity for doing something in the next Congress to foreshadow, or rather to begin a policy with respect to those rivers."

HER DEATH A MYSTERY.

Mrs. Martin, the Dead Girl's Mother, Showing No Desire to Visit New Jersey—The Case Will Be Held Pending Investigation Into the Mystery.

New York, Special.—The body of Cecy Snead was buried Wednesday, but an uncompromising inquiry into the manner of her death goes on unabated at East Orange, N. J., where Virginia Wardlaw, her spinster aunt, is held a prisoner pending an investigation by the grand jury.

"Sentiment aside," said the chief of police, "there remain the brute facts in this case, and nothing in explanation of them has been offered. We have a girl found dead in twelve inches of water in a bath tub on the one hand, and on the other, the woman who last saw her alive but failed to report her death until 24 hours after it must have been discovered. Aunt and niece lived in the same house; it is incredible that the bathroom could have remained unvisited for that length of time or that in their closely related life one of the two could have been absent so long from the house without arousing the anxiety of the other.

"These two basic facts alone are sufficient in themselves to warrant their presentation to the grand jury, even if there were no tangle of insurance to unravel, no diagnosis of malnutrition and hypnosis by a reputable physician, no duplication of wills and no attempted purchase of chloroform to 'kill cats.'"

Rider Case.

Union City, Tenn., Special.—Another failure met the efforts of the State Wednesday to complete the jury in the case of Garrett Johnson and Arthur Clear, alleged leaders of the night-riders charged with the murder of Capt. Quentin Rankin. The venire summoned to appear in court was exhausted without a single man qualifying for jury service. A panel of 200 men was ordered to report.

Eradication of Hookworm.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—The first conference for the eradication of the hookworm, to be held in Atlanta January 18 and 19, will be largely attended. The Atlanta chamber of commerce is in receipt of letters from the Governors of Mississippi, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, announcing that they will appoint delegates to the conference. The State health officers of these States, as well as of Alabama, also, have signified their intention of participating in the conference.

Leading Young Girls Astray.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—Cleo Evans, a strikingly handsome young Atlanta woman, confessed to the police Tuesday afternoon that she was an agent in the white slave traffic and asked the officers to detain two young women who were leaving for Columbus, O., in the evening. The police found the young girls at the station, waiting for Miss Evans. The latter had two tickets to Columbus, which she said had been sent to her for the girls' use by the keeper of a disorderly house there.



VEGETABLE SALAD.

A very good salad can be made by using a cupful of uncooked cabbage, green pepper, celery, all to be shredded; apples cut in pieces, a few seeded white grapes cut in halves and a few English walnuts. Mix all together thoroughly and place in the refrigerator. Serve with mayonnaise or French dressing.—Fruit Grower.

PANCAKES WITHOUT EGGS.

Make a batter of a quart of sour milk into which a teaspoonful of soda and as much flour as will be required to make the mixture of medium thickness. Beat until very light, then add a tablespoonful each of lard and butter melted, a dessert spoonful of brown sugar and a little grated nutmeg if the flavor is liked. Have the frying pan or skillet hot, put in it a teaspoonful of butter, and as soon as this melts, but before it has time to discolor, pour in the pancake. When the under side is brown turn by means of a cake turner, giving a half toss tip to the skillet. Put the cake on a hot platter, butter and spread with powdered sugar, jelly or jam and repeat until there are five in pile, when cut through all at one time as for pie.—The Housewife.

SWEET POTATO PANCAKES.

Sweet potato pancakes have a delightful flavor when fried a rich brown in butter. These are too delicate to be fried in other forms of fat. Mash three cups of boiled sweet potatoes until they are smooth. Press them through a sieve to free from lumps and add six large tablespoonfuls of flour sifted carefully. Then mix three-quarters of a cupful of sugar with the yolks of three eggs. When they are beaten to a smooth paste stir them into the dry ingredients, mixing in a little milk also to make a moderately thin batter. Fold through it the whites of the three eggs beaten into a very stiff froth. The whites should thin the batter enough for pancakes, but if more moisture is needed add a little milk. The pan should be hot, a broad pan-cake turner used, and the cakes fried with care.—New York Tribune.

KOELE PALAN.

The Hawaiians make a unique sweet potato dish and call it koele palan. Mash some fresh boiled sweet potatoes, reheat them in a cocoanut cream which is given below, and serve hot.

For the cream grate a cocoanut, beat it slowly in half a pint of milk. When the boiling point is reached strain it through a bag. Squeeze the bag thoroughly to extract as much of the flavor and juice as possible, and it will be ready for use. The "cream," if preferred, need not be strained, but simply poured over the mashed potato and mixed through it. Add a large spoonful of butter and let the mixture become very hot and then serve. If the mixture is formed into cakes and fried brown in butter it will make a novel and delicious dish at luncheon or whenever croquets are appropriate. Use the ingredients in proportions to suit the taste. The cocoanut cream just mentioned is also used by Hawaiians with bananas in a pudding and in various other dishes.—New York Tribune.



To remove whitewash from paint, rub with a flannel saturated with lard or any fresh oil.

A piece of soap rubbed over a brown paper attached to the ironing board will often clean the iron from all starch.

An economy in gas is, when potatoes are almost baked turn the gas off, and the heat from the oven will finish baking them.

To clean the corners of window casing, a Bradawl with a damp cloth wound around the point will assist greatly in cleaning.

When carpets are not to be taken up while house cleaning, a thin cam knife will clean out the crevices between the wall and the carpet.

An excellent furniture polish is made from mixing equal parts of alcohol and sweet oil. This gives a glossy polish to even the finest wood.

Instead of basting the pieces of skirts, when packing them in a trunk, try fastening each pleat at the bottom of the skirt with paper clips and folding smoothly.

To remove old tea and coffee stains wet spots with cold water, cover with glycerine and let stand two or three hours. Then wash with cold water and hard soap. Repeat if necessary.

Thick blotting paper under doilies will keep hot dishes from marking polished table. The blotting paper should be cut the same size as the doilies. It takes the heat off the doilies. It takes the heat off the doilies.

Do not wash the fish in water, but wipe thoroughly with a damp cloth. Have the fat smoking hot. Roll each slice of fish in corn meal and fry brown; turn it over and fry the other side brown. The fish will be thoroughly done and will not crumble. Salt to taste.